



Branch

Banter

APRIL 2019

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN YORK COUNTY: A COMMUNITY RESPONSE

WHEN: Tuesday, April 9 7:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Social Time Business meeting follows program

WHERE: York Alliance Church, 501 Rathton Road, York

PROGRAM: Pam Gay has been our York County Coroner since January 2014, at the beginnings of the opioid epidemic in York County. She has been an RN for 37 years, with experience in critical care, emergency medicine, and sexual assault/child abuse as a member of Wellspan's Forensic Nursing Team. Pam will tell us the history of opioids in York County, what is being done now to combat this epidemic, and what we can do to help our community.

Our annual banquet will be held on May 14 in the ballroom at Heritage Hills Resort. Please fill out the reservation form in the Banter, bring a friend, and enjoy music of great Broadway musicals with Deb Butcher.

Suzy Hershey and Joan Beekey, Program Co-Vice Presidents

SLATE OF NEW OFFICERS – VOTE AT APRIL MEETING

The following slate of officers for the 2019-2021 term has been presented by the Nominating Committee to be voted on at the April Branch meeting.

Co-President – Barbara Woodmansee (2-year term)

Co-President – Martha Fleischer (1-year term – A Co-President will be elected next year for a 2-year term)

Membership Co-Vice Presidents – Sandra Cooley & Nancy Spataro

Assistant Finance Officer – Launa Groft

Secretary – Donna Fulton

Lois Conaway (Chair), Marion Bowman, & Donna Fulton, Nominating Committee

AAUW YORK BRANCH FACEBOOK PAGE NOW ACTIVE!

Even if you do not have a Facebook account, you can find us by clicking on this link or by typing it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/aauwyorkpa/>.

If you have any photos from previous kitchen tours, we can use them to promote this one. Please email them to Carol Little. When the kitchen tour is over, we can use the page to promote our activities, meetings, etc.

FROM THE PODIUM

It is good to know Spring is around the corner and preparations for the Spring Market Faire are continuing. At the March Branch meeting, over \$600 was collected for AAUW Funds in memory of Barbara Gold. There will be a second opportunity to contribute at the April meeting. In addition, Martha Fleischer suggested that one of the scholarships be named in Barbara's honor. The Board will consider this at its April meeting. On Saturday, March 23, I will be attending the Central District Meeting in Enola as well as the Equal Pay Rally at the Capitol Rotunda on April 8. Take care! See everybody at the April Branch meeting and the Spring Market Faire.

Carol Heintzleman, President

BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet Monday, April 1, at the Isaac's on White St. Members are asked to come at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, if they desire. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. and is open to all members. Do not forget to RSVP!

SAD NEWS – BARBARA GOLD

We are sorry to announce the passing of Barbara Gold on February 2, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer. Barbara joined York Branch in 1974 and was a branch leader from the beginning. She served as President (1989-1991) and as Treasurer (1980-1984). She also chaired numerous fundraising projects.

Barbara's proudest achievement was encouraging the Branch to establish the York (PA) Branch American Fellowship in 1993. Throughout the 1990's, Barbara inspired York Branch to raise \$100,000 to establish an endowment; Endowment #0737 was fully funded in 2002.

Recently, Barbara focused her prodigious energy on public policy issues. She organized county-wide *Get Out the Vote* drives and served as Education Chair, urging us to call our legislators on educational issues. Barbara also had a feminine side. She loved tea parties, entertaining, fashion and decorating; she was a sales rep for Peacock Jewelry and other fashion lines for many years.

According to Sue Zitnick, "Barbara was always the one with the best ideas and the push to make all of us active. It will take many of us to try to replace her. She fought this last round of cancer never giving up until she had no strength left to fight. What a loss."

SPECIAL LUNCH – CAPUTO BROTHERS CREAMERY – APRIL 4, 11:30 AM

Caputo Brothers Creamery in Spring Grove has offered us cheeses for a Gourmet Raffle Basket at our kitchen tour. Since I am going there to pick them up on April 4, I figured it could be a lunch outing at their café *Tavola*. So far, there are 4 of us going. If you would like to join us, please contact Carol Little. We can meet at Big Lots parking lot on White St. at 11:00 to carpool. [This is **NOT** part of the April Lunch-A-Month.]

MEMBERSHIP

Accepting renewals now! Mail your check or bring it to the May 14 Spring Banquet. Your membership ends on June 30. Renew now to ensure you are included in the 2019-2020 *Yearbook*. **Find the membership dues form in this issue.**

Flo Kachurak & Kay Roddy, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

SPRING MARKET FAIRE – APRIL 29, 2019

Hostess Captains and Hostesses are invited to an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. before our regularly scheduled monthly meeting at York Alliance Church. Please plan to attend. The meeting should take about 20 minutes, so you will still have time for refreshments and chatting with your friends.

Reminders:

- The morning Hostess shift is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and the afternoon shift is from 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Your hostess badge allows you to tour the houses without waiting in line, so there is time to tour the houses and serve as a hostess. Use the rear entrance. Non-members are welcome to serve as hostesses as well; this may be a way of introducing your friends to York Branch. Please contact Barbara Woodmansee if you wish to be added to the substitute hostess list.
- There is still time to support the tour by becoming a Benefactor, Angel, Patron, or Friend. Contact Jean Quickel for information.
- Tickets are \$25 each and are being sold at Futer Bros. Jewelers and at the three Christmas Tree Hill locations in York – the Mansion, Westgate, and South George St. Attendees will receive a Recipe Booklet and a free raffle ticket. Extra raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 each or six for \$5.

Betty Hooker, Spring Market Faire Kitchen Tour Chair

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT 2019

Selecting one young woman to receive our award of \$1500 is always a challenge. Six very strong applications were received this year, and Mindy Gruzin was selected as the most outstanding.

Mindy is a full time student at Penn State York with a GPA of 3.98, major in Psychology, minor in Biology with Pre-Med focus. She will graduate with her BS in 2020 and then attend medical school to become a physician with a focus on public health research.

She works part time at Wellspan York Hospital and is a single mother of an eleven year old son. Her volunteer activities include science mentor, Diabetes Coalition, STEAM program, and Boy Scouts of America. Prestigious awards, prior and current grants, and research projects in molecular genetics are part of her impressive activities.

Having grown up in foster care from ages 7-18, and now learning about her many accomplishments, helps to explain the opening sentence of her expressive essay: "My life can best be characterized by extreme hardship met with extreme resilience."

Her letter of recommendation from a physics professor contained many superior and glowing statements, including these: "Mindy was reliable, dedicated and eternally upbeat." "Ms. Gruzin is one of the hardest working students that I have worked with in my 2+ decades of college activity, and a key team player."

It will be a pleasure for all to meet Mindy at our May 14 Banquet.

Thank you to all members who contribute in any way toward raising funds through the Spring Market Faire for our Branch scholarships!

*Kay Roddy, Barbara Woodmansee, Amber Seidel, Martha Fleischer (Chair)
Undergraduate Scholarship Committee*

AAUW FUND REPORT

Esther Ngumbi: Entomologist Extraordinaire (AAUW International Fellow)

For Esther Ngumbi, Ph.D., studying insects was never merely an academic interest. As someone who grew up in a farming community on the coast of Kenya, she knew firsthand that these tiny creatures could wipe out entire crops of corn. And that could spell the difference between poverty and economic security for people in rural areas like the one where she grew up, a place where access to insecticides and agricultural education was limited.

With support from her 2007-08 AAUW International Fellowship, Ngumbi earned a Ph.D. in entomology (the study of insects), becoming the first person to earn a doctorate in a community where women's education is not typically a priority. Today, as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she studies sustainable crop growth and environmentally friendly insecticides. She holds three U.S. patents and recently won the 2018 Society of Experimental Biology Presidents Medal.

Ngumbi has also gone above and beyond when it comes to giving back. She mentors young leaders and women scientists through the Clinton Global Initiative University, and she cofounded a school in her hometown that serves more than 100 elementary and middle-school students.

"AAUW paved a way for me, which is why I can now pave a way for others," she says. "For me, it's so other women of color can say 'Hey, she made it despite all of the challenges.'"

From www.aauw.org; submitted by Sue Zitnick & Jane Long

BRIDGE GROUP

April 3: at 12:30 pm. at the home of Lois Kulp.

May 1: at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Phyllis Sword. Please call her if you will be playing at her home.

New members are welcome any time. Call Lois Kulp for information.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP

3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., Lyndon Diner

Contact: Linda Palmer

April 17: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware Led by Gayle Brass

EVENING BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Books A Million Store Café Contact: Sue Zitnick

April 16: *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda. Caitlin signs up for a pen pal from Africa and Martin writes back. This is the story of about how their letters changed both of their lives for the better.

Book for May: *A River of Darkness: One Man's Escape from North Korea* by Masaji Ishikawa

GAME NIGHT

Sunday, April 14, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Anne and Bill McFeely
If you would like to attend, contact Anne.

LUNCH A MONTH – APRIL

Lunch will be at The First Post in East York on Thursday, April 25, at 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Toni Schreiber **by April 21**.

LUNCH A MONTH – MAY

Lunch will be at Metro Diner (at the former site of the West Manchester Mall) on Thursday, May 16, at 1:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Branch meeting or call Nancy Buckley.

BANTER DEADLINE

April 24 is the deadline for articles for the April *Banter*.

SUNSHINE

If you know of an AAUW member who deserves a card due to illness, death in family, or thinking of you, please notify Linda Rupert.

TRAVEL WITH HARRISBURG BRANCH

The Harrisburg Branch is planning a bus trip to Winterthur to view 'Costuming *The Crown*' on Friday, May 10. The exhibit features costumes from the Netflix series on Queen Elizabeth II's reign. The bus departs from the Penn Harris Radisson at 7:30 a.m. and the Harrisburg East Mall at 8:00 a.m. Expected return is 8:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$68. For more information, contact Barbara Warfel. Deadline for reservations is April 10.

CARLISLE BRANCH OFFERS DOCUMENTARY

Zero Weeks Documentary Screening
Thursday, April 4, 2019 7:00-8:30pm
Bosler Memorial Library 158 W. High Street, Carlisle, PA 17013

Zero Weeks explores America's paid leave crisis, the cost of doing nothing, and what we can do about it. Join AAUW Carlisle Branch for a screening of the powerful documentary and a discussion about paid family and medical leave with experts working on the issue.

Unlike the majority of developed countries worldwide, the United States does not guarantee paid annual leave, paid time off for illness or family care or paid parental leave. And for many Americans, this unpaid time off work is untenable and it threatens their economic security. Join us to discuss what is being done about it and how we can get involved.

This is a family friendly event; children welcome! Please view our event on Facebook for additional information and updates. We hope to see you there!

This event is sponsored by AAUW Carlisle, Moms Rising, and Cumberland Valley Rising.

Mission Statement

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Vision Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Diversity Statement

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.